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SUBJECT: SFCP - PER DIEM PAYMENTS

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REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK POLISH CONCURRENCE IN PERMITTING PER DIEM PAYMENTS THROUGH JOINT FUND FOR THOSE AGENCIES WHICH SO DESIRE AND REVITALIZING PROJECTS NOW SUSPENDED OVER THIS ISSUE, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS:

1) PER DIEM IS PART OF 558 MILLION ZLOTYS US BUDGETED FOR CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT FUND. THEREFORE, IF PER DIEM FINANCED SEPARATELY, US CONTRIBUTION WILL BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED AND POLISH MATCHING CONTRIBUTION WILL ALSO BE REDUCED, SO THAT PROGRAM WILL BE SMALLER.

2) US FUNDS FOR PROGRAM WILL NOT REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION UNTIL 1981 TERMINATION DATE OF AGREEMENT. DURING PERIOD BETWEEN END OF AVAILABILITY OF US FUNDS FOR NEW
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OBLIGATIONS AND DECEMBER 31, 1981, PER DIEM COULD ONLY BE

PAID FROM FUNDS ALREADY OBLIGATED TO PROJECTS THROUGH THE
JOINT FUND.

3) AS POLES NOW ADMIT, NO WRITTEN AGREEMENT EXISTS EX-
CLUDING PER DIEM PAYMENTS AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND.

4) LOGICALLY AND AS MATTER OF PRACTICE, LIMITATION ON
RATE POLISH INSTITUTIONS CAN PAY WOULD NOT APPLY TO US
TRAVELERS, WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PAY HOTEL RATES CONSIDER-
ABLY HIGHER THAN THOSE POLISH CITIZENS PAY AND WHO, UNDER
NSF PROJECTS, HAVE RECEIVED FROM POLISH HOST INSTITUTIONS
PER DIEM AT APPLICABLE US RATES. KISSINGER

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